



# Ebola Fatality Management

- **Goal** – To ensure the safe, timely and appropriate handling of Ebola decedents until final disposition.
- **Concept of Operations**
  - Preparation
    - Pre-designate hospitals, funeral directors, crematoriums, routes
    - Train, equip, and exercise
  - Notification of death
  - Response Actions
    - Prepare hospital room for mortuary recovery.
    - Prepare remains for transport.
    - Determine and document cause of death and release remains to FD.
    - Transport remains to crematorium and prepare cremains for final disposition.
    - Release remains to local funeral director for final disposition.



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- **Key Roles and Responsibilities**

- Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
- Maine Funeral Directors Association/MFDA Disaster Response Team
- Department of Health & Human Services
- Maine CDC
- Maine Emergency Management Agency
- Pre-designated hospitals, funeral directors

- **References**

- US CDC Guidance for Safe Handling of Human Remains of Ebola Patients in US Hospitals and Mortuaries  
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/guidance-safe-handling-human-remains-ebola-patients-us-hospitals-mortuaries.html>
- Title 37B, MRSA.



# Infectious Disease Law Enforcement Response Team (IDLERT)

- **Team Mission:** to provide law enforcement services in an environment of known or suspected emerging infectious diseases, such as enforcing a lawful court order or other legal process to facilitate the transfer of a person to an appropriate medical care facility.
- **Partnering Agencies:**
  - Maine State Police
  - Maine Drug Enforcement Agency
  - Lewiston Police Department (COBRA Team members)
  - Bangor Police Department
  - Kennebec County Sheriff's Office
  - Maine Department of Health and Human Services
  - Maine Emergency Management Agency



# IDLERT

- **Activation Criteria:**

- Identified need for law enforcement, and
- Legal authority (consent or legal process)
- Follows US CDC guidance for monitoring symptoms and controlling movement

- **Team Deployment Actions:**

- Obtain medical brief from Maine DHHS/CDC and other medical providers
- Coordination and integration with EMS and designated hospital (see: REACT Plan)
- Defined mission and role of the Team during the deployment



# IDLERT

- **Training and Equipment:**
  - Maine CDC
  - Infectious Disease/Epidemiology Division
  - PPE – suits, boots, gloves, masks, respirators
  - PPE training provided by public health partners
- **Liability Protections:** covered under Title 37-B, MRSA when activated through MEMA